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B. T. KESAVAIENGAR,
Revenue Commissioner. &
Civil Liaison Officer.

NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Dated Bangalore, 16th Decr..... 1942.

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My dear Mehkri,

In connection with certain building operations to be undertaken by the Military on a cheap design, I write to state for the information of Government, that on invitation I attended two Meetings held on 12th and 26th November 1942 by 160 L of C Sub Area Committee. The Director of Industries and Commerce and the Chief Conservator of Forests were also present on invitation at the meeting held on the 26th. As decided at the meeting, they are taking action in regard to the deputation of instructors to train the Prisoners of War in bamboo matting and the supply of green bamboos respectively.

A copy of the proceedings of the meeting held on the 26th November 1942 is also enclosed for information.

Yours Sincerely
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Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esqr., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, BANGALORE.

160 L OF C SUB AREA SUBSTITUTE BUILDING MATERIALS COMMITTEE.

The following were present:--at a meeting held on 25 Nov 1942.

CHAIRMAN:- Lt.Col. CAMBIER, Offg. Sub.area Comd.

COMMITTEE:- Major W. AIMOND, I.E., G.E. JALAHALLI.

Capt. P.W. MORRISON-GODFREY, I.E., G.E. BANGALORE.

Capt. H.B.J. Eyles, 'Q' 160 L of C Sub. Area.

ATTENDING: Mr. B.T. KESAVAIENGAR, CIVIL LIAISON OFFICER.

Mr. ABDUL JABBAR, Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Mysore.

Mr. S.G. SASTRI, Director of Industries, Govt. of Mysore.

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1. TERMS OF REFERENCE.

The Chairman explained that the object of the Meeting was to make decisions as to how to put into immediate effect the following:-

(a) Development of Bamboo Matting and Thatching Industries at places adjacent to sources of supply of suitable raw materials and within bullock cart range of Bangalore.

(b) Development of Granite Stone quarrying as flooring substitute.

(c) Supply of Bamboos from Forestry Dept., Mysore State.

(d) Development of country tile industry.

The Chairman further explained, that, with two big Projects facing G.E. Bangalore, e.g., A.B.S.D. and 214 A.O.D., it is essential that local sources of supply of building materials be drawn upon to the fullest possible extent. To depend upon any outside source involving transport on rail would, in all probability, lead to a hold up in progress on the Project.

2. DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS.

(i) Bamboo Matting. G.E. JALAHALLI said that it had been proposed to H.Q., P.O.W. Camps Group I that P.O.W. should be instructed and employed in the manufacture of Bamboo Matting. No reply as yet received from Group Comdt. P.O.W. Camps on this point.

Decision. Director of Civil Industries can arrange to send eight Maistries as Instructors to P.O.W. if the suggestion is adopted by P.O.W. Camps.

Chief Conservator of Forests then stated that the industry could well be developed in the following places where bamboo is plentiful.

Kankanhalli	-	34 miles	from Bangalore.
Savandurg	-	34	-do-
Sathnur	-	45	-do-

Nucleus of labour exists. Director of Civil Industries explained that the process of manufacture was simple and that only a fortnight to three weeks tuition would be necessary.

Decision. To place an educational order on the Chief Conservator of Forests for 100000 sq. ft. of Matting in 8' x 4' mats. Chief Conservator

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of Forests would report on development possibilities after dealing with this order. Delivery would be made to site bullock carts obtainable from the villages in which the matting is to be made. Cost of production also to be reported.

(ii) Country Tiles. G.E. BANGALORE suggested that country tiles could be introduced into the Whitefield/Krishnarajapuram Projects to supplement supplies of Mangalore tiles. Director of Industries explained that the manufacturing process is simple and that a Potter's Wheel can be made quickly by villagers engaged in that industry. He states that possibilities of developing the industry are good.

Decision. G.E.BANGALORE to place an order for one lakh country tiles on a Contractor, tiles to be manufactured in villages near to site of whitefield Project. Mr. KESAVAIENGAR, CLO. undertook to instruct the Amildars of the districts in which the tiles are to be made, to give al assistance and report any difficilties.

(iii) Supply of Bamboos. G.E. BANGALORE pointed out that if country til were to be used, then a corresponding supply of bamboos would be requir as the specifications would be slightly altered.

Chief Conservator of Forests stated that there would be no difficulty in supplying bamboos up to 15' in height from sources 30-40 miles from Bangalore.

Decision. Chief Conservator of Forests undertook to deliver to site one lakh bamboos to G.E. BANGALORE by country bullock cart, Chief Conservator of Forests explained to the Committee that, in dealing with the Military Authorities direct, (and not through a Contractor) it would be possible to deliver bamboos at little above cost price.

(iv) Granite Stone. There is an abundant supply of this materialaround Bangalore in quarried located between 10 and 20 miles from the site of the Whitefiled Project. C.L.O. explained that prior to the war,large quantities were exported to London as paving stones. The Contractor who held the Contract for this supply is resident in Bangalore. G.E. JALAHALLI stated that, withoug long transportation, cost of granite stone flooring is less than cost of Cuddapah slab flooring.

Decision. C.L.C. to put G.E. BANGALORE in touch with the Contractor as soon as possible, with a view to commencing production in large quantities.

3. GARRISON ENGINEER'S REPORTS. Garrison Engineers reported that bullock carts are now being used almost exclusively. An example quoted was the R.A.F. Transit Camp for which materials had been carried almost entirely by bullock cart. G.E.BANGALORE POINTED OUT THAT THATCHING might be a future problem, and this is to be dealt with at the next Meeting.

SD..John Stubbs
Lt. Col. for Brig.
Comd.

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M. N. Ramaiah

for Revenue Commissioner
&
Civil Liaison Officer.